other assistance to Maharashtra Government to set up Livestock Development Corporation in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to set up Livestock Research Centre in Chandrapur; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) The Government of India is not considering to provide any financial assistance for setting up of Livestock Development Corporation in the State of Maharashtra. However, the Maharashtra Livestock Development Board constituted by the Government of Maharashtra has been provided Rs. 8.60 crores during 2003-04 for the implementation of Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Project for Cattle and Buffalo Breeding Programme.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Question does not arise.

Fish landing centre at Alvekodi, Karnataka

1114. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal from the Karnataka Government for construction of fish Landing Centre and Alvekodi in Uttar Kannada District in respect of which a revised estimate has been submitted to the Central Government on the 17th June, 2003, is pending for clearance; and

(b) if so, the reasons thereof and by when it is likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) No, Sir. In order to provide safe landing and berthing facilities to various fishing vessels operating from Alvekodi, the proposal of Government of Karnataka for construction of fish landing center there at a cost of Rs. 89.53 lakhs was approved in March, 1995 under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme. The first instalment of Central share of Rs. 10 lakhs was released to the State in March 1995 for taking up the construction work. As per the

terms conditions stipulated in the approval, the fish landing center was to be completed by the end of March, 1997. The State Government did not commence the construction, instead submitted a revised proposal in June, 2003 with a cost escalation from Rs. 89.53 lakhs to Rs. 225 lakhs. After scrutiny of the proposal, the State has been asked to redraft the Detailed Project Report and to refund the Central share Rs. 10 lakhs earlier released to them togetherwith interest.

Supply of spurious seeds and pesticides

1115. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether despite good monsoon this year, the farmers in Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra and areas around suffered a lot due to supply of spurious seeds and pesticides;

(b) if so, the districts mainly affected thereby; and

(c) whether the Central Government had been apprised of the problems of the farmers in time; if so, what aid was given by Government to help the farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Assistance for animal husbandry to States

1116. SHRI SK. KHABIR UDDIN AHMED: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the details of funds allocated to States, West Bengal in particular, to promote animal husbandry and dairy during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying during 2000-01, 2001-02 and 2002-03 has released Rs. 95.43 crores, Rs. 114.17 crores and Rs. 125.48 crores respectively for the promotion of animal husbandry and dairy in the